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For : TRANSMISSION CAPACITY ALLOCATION METHOD, COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, AND NETWORK RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEVICE

THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing a Japanese Office Action issued in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2003-334662 dated October 14, 2008. Copies of the cited references are provided herewith.

The cited article by *Inoue et al.*, "A Study on Guaranteed Capacity of Transmission Over the Ethernet", discloses a network resource management device which is applied in a Ethernet network comprising said network resource management device and switching hubs and which allocates transmission capacity to a call request. *No English language translation of Inoue et al. is available.*

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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